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## St. Lucie County

**February 15, 2006**

**A Monthly Update  
of Current Events  
and Happenings  
within St. Lucie**

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### **Board of County Commission Special Meetings & Workshops Scheduled**

- The Board of County Commissioners, City of Fort Pierce, Fort Pierce Utilities Authority and the Utility Task Force will hold a Joint Meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Transfer of Development Rights Public Workshop on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commission Chambers.
- "Spread the Shade - Plant a Tree"- The St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension Office will hold a Tree Give-A-Way on Saturday, March 11, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the Heathcote Botanical Gardens located at 210 Savannah Road in Fort Pierce.

### **St. Lucie County Welcomes New Growth Management Director**

Robert "Bob" Nix, the new Growth Management Director, started his employment with St. Lucie County on January 23, 2006. Bob is originally from Fitzgerald, Georgia and relocated to Florida in 1959. Before becoming St. Lucie County's Growth Management Director, Bob held the position of Director of Development Services for the City of Deltona, Florida.

### **Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency for the Expansion of the County Parking Garage**

The Board of County Commissioners approved the Interlocal Agreement with the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency ("FPRA") pertaining to the expansion of the County parking garage located in downtown Fort Pierce. Under the terms of the Interlocal Agreement, the FPRA will appropriate \$2,800,000 towards the addition of two additional floors to the parking garage. The agreement states that the parking garage will be available for events at the Sunrise Theatre and for other events as requested by the FPRA. On February 7, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners approved permission to advertise for an invitation to bid for the construction of the two additional floors of the parking garage.

### **South County Regional Stadium Phase III Begins**

As part of the build-out of the South County Regional Stadium, the Board of County Commissioners approved a \$3,050 contract with Edlund, Dritenbas, Binkley Architects and Associates, P.A. for the purpose of providing a cost update for Phase III of the South County Regional Stadium build-out.

### **Atlantic Avenue Closed for Construction at the Clerk of Courts Building in Downtown Fort Pierce**

Atlantic Avenue in downtown Fort Pierce will be closed in order to maintain public safety and provide a safe working area for construction of the new Clerk of Courts building. The road will be closed to all public traffic from east of South Second Street and west of Indian River Drive. The closure began Thursday, February 9, 2006 and will continue until the completion of the building scheduled for August 2007. For more information, contact St. Lucie County Central Services at (772) 462-1249.

### **St. Lucie County Fair Scheduled**

The 41st Annual St. Lucie County Fair will begin on Friday, February 24, 2006, and run through Sunday, March 5, 2006, at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds.

### Upcoming Events at the Marine Center

**"Coral Reef Biodiversity: Recent Discoveries in Marine Botany"** ~ Thursday, February 16 at 7:00 p.m. ~ The Smithsonian Marine Station and the Pelican Yacht Club will host a lecture by Smithsonian scientists Mark and Diane Littler entitled "Coral Reef Biodiversity: Recent Discoveries in Marine Botany." The lecture will be held at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce with a reception to follow. Seating is limited. RSVP to 772-465-6630, extension 100.

**"Who's Chasing Whom?"** ~ Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. ~ The Smithsonian Marine Station and the Pelican Yacht Club will host a lecture by Emeritus Scientist Clyde Roper of the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History entitled, "Who's Chasing Whom? A Quest for the World's Largest Calamari, the Giant Squid." The lecture will be held at the Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce with a reception to follow. Seating is limited. RSVP to the Marine Station by March 9th at 772-465-6630, extension 100.

### Upcoming Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

**"Step-up Florida Health Day"** ~ February 17 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ~ Bring the kids and your detective skills to the Oxbow for a scavenger hunt.

**Canoe & Kayak Tour** ~ February 18 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ~ Join a naturalist for a leisurely tour of the St. Lucie River. Fee is \$10 per person. Children 5-7 are free. Registration & prepayment due by Wednesday prior. Call 785-5833.

**"Birding for Beginners"** ~ February 21, 28 & March 7 ~ 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. ~ In partnership with St. Lucie Audubon Society, the Oxbow Eco-Center will introduce you to life-long fun and learning with a course in Birding for Beginners. The course includes three evening classes at the Oxbow and three field trips on the subsequent weekends led by St. Lucie Audubon. Space is limited. Cost is \$30 per participant. For more information or to register, call or email Misty Alderman at (772) 785-5842 or [aldermam@stlucieco.gov](mailto:aldermam@stlucieco.gov).

**"Ten Mile Creek Archeological Dig"** ~ March 4th at 11:00 am ~ The St. Lucie River has been the lifeline for some of the earliest people to inhabit the Treasure Coast. Some of this early history was uncovered a few years ago on Ten Mile Creek along the North Fork of the river. Grace Larsen, President of the Southeast Florida Archeological Society (SEFAS), will present a program on the "Ten-Mile Creek Archeological Dig" that uncovered these ancient artifacts. For more information call (772) 785-5833 or [aldermam@stlucieco.gov](mailto:aldermam@stlucieco.gov).

**Guided Hikes** ~ Every Saturday at 10:00 a.m. ~ Join a naturalist and take a hike through the Oxbow forest. Free. No reservations are needed.

### Upcoming Events at the Library

**Jazz Week** ~ February 21 at 1:30 p.m. ~ Visitors can celebrate "Jazz Week" with author Robert Inman at 1:30 p.m. following Jazz Week's Brown Bag Lunch concert series (also at the library). Robert Inman, author of "The Teenage Diaries and Radio Logs of Bob," will discuss his personal experiences with jazz from his book. The free event will take place at the Fort Pierce Branch Library located at 101 Melody Lane in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information call (772) 462-2787.

**"Crime Scene Investigators"** ~ February 22 at 1:30 p.m. ~ Experience the "Crime Scene Investigators" story as Paul Beaumont of the Port St. Lucie Police discusses his CSI duties with the police department volunteers. The free presentation will take place at the Fort Pierce Branch Library located at 101 Melody Lane in downtown Fort Pierce. For more information call (772) 462-2787.

### Wings 'N Wheels Air, Military and Vehicle Show at the Airport

The Wing 'N Wheels Air, Military, and Vehicle Show will be on March 25th and 26th, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the St. Lucie County International Airport located on St. Lucie Boulevard in Fort Pierce.

### ZoraFest 2006

ZoraFest 2006, the second annual event celebrating the life of Zora Neale Hurston, is scheduled for April 28 through April 30. Festivities will take place at Lincoln Park Academy located at 1806 Avenue I in Fort Pierce. For more information regarding ZoraFest, please contact the St. Lucie County Cultural Affairs Department at (772) 462-2548 or email Debra Brisson at [brissond@stlucieco.gov](mailto:brissond@stlucieco.gov).

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